



## News Release

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### City prepares for Columbia Avenue one-year closure

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – Columbia Avenue between Chicago Avenue and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad crossing will be closed for approximately one year, beginning at 6 a.m., Monday, for construction of the Columbia Avenue Railroad Overpass.

Westbound traffic will be detoured south along Iowa Avenue, then west along Marlborough Avenue, then north along Chicago.

Eastbound traffic will be detoured south along Chicago, then east along Spruce Street, then north along Iowa.

Access to businesses east of the railroad crossing will be maintained via Iowa.

The \$30-million project will raise Columbia Avenue traffic over the railroad tracks in the Hunter Business Park, between La Cadena Drive and Iowa. After completion in 2010, it will save commuters five hours a day and eliminate 29 tons of greenhouse gases annually.

For more information, visit the City's website at <http://www.riversideca.gov/gs/gs-columbia.asp> or call the City of Riverside Public Works Department at (951) 826-5760.

